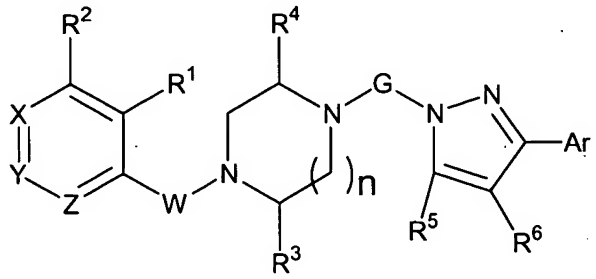
Amendments to the claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for treating a subject with an allergic condition, said method comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (I) below:



(I)

wherein:

R^1 is hydrogen, azido, halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, hydroxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, cyano, nitro, R^7R^8N, C_{2-8} acyl, $R^9OC=O$, $R^{10}R^{11}NC=O$, or $R^{10}R^{11}NSO_2$; or R^1 is taken together with W as described below;

R^2 is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, C_{1-5} haloalkyl, cyano, or $R^{48}R^{49}N$;

alternatively, R^1 and R^2 can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 5- to 7- membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring, which ring may be unsaturated or aromatic;

each of R^3 and R^4 is independently hydrogen or C_{1-5} alkyl;

each of R^5 and R^6 is independently hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkylthio, halogen, or a 4-7 membered carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R^5 and R^6 can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 6-membered carbocyclic ring, ~~5- to 7- membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring,~~ which ring may be unsaturated or aromatic, and may be optionally substituted with between one and three substituents independently selected from halo, cyano, amino, nitro, R^{40}, $R^{40}O$-, $R^{40}S$-, $R^{40}O(C_{1-5}$ alkylene)-, $R^{40}O(C=O)$-, $R^{40}(C=O)$-, $R^{40}(C=S)$-, $R^{40}(C=O)O$-,

$R^{40}O(C=O)(C=O)$-, $R^{40}SO_2$, $NHR^{62}(C=NH)$-, $NHR^{62}SO_2$-, and $NHR^{62}(C=O)$ –;

R^{40} is H, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, (C_{1-5} heterocyclyl)C_{1-5} alkylene, amino, or mono- or di(C_{1-5} alkyl)amino, or $R^{58}OR^{59}$-, wherein R^{58} is H, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, or (C_{1-5} heterocyclyl)C_{1-6} alkylene and R^{59} is C_{1-5} alkylene, phenylene, or divalent C_{1-5} heterocyclyl; and

R^{62} can be H in addition to the values for R^{40};

R^7 is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, C_{2-8} acyl, aroyl, $R^{27}OC=O$, $R^{28}R^{29}NC=O$, $R^{27}SO$, $R^{27}SO_2$, or $R^{28}R^{29}NSO_2$;

R^8 is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R^7 and R^8 can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

R^9 is C_{1-5} alkyl, phenyl, naphthyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

R^{21} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, C_{2-8} acyl, aroyl, $R^{30}OC=O$, $R^{31}R^{32}NC=O$, $R^{30}SO$, $R^{30}SO_2$, or $R^{31}R^{32}NSO_2$;

R^{22} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R^{21} and R^{22}can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7-membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

each of R^{23}, R^{26}, R^{27}, R^{30}, R^{33}, R^{44}, R^{45}, and R^{50} is C_{1-5} alkyl, phenyl, naphthyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

R^{24} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, C_{2-8} acyl, aroyl, $R^{33}OC=O$, $R^{34}R^{35}NC=O$, $R^{33}SO$, $R^{33}SO_2$, or $R^{34}R^{35}NSO_2$;

R^{25} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R^{24} and R^{25} can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

each of R^{10} and R^{11} is independently hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, phenyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R^{10} and R^{11} or can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

each of R^{28}, R^{29}, R^{31}, R^{32}, R^{34}, R^{35}, R^{46}, R^{47}, R^{51} and R^{52} is independently hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, phenyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R^{28} and R^{29}, R^{31} and R^{32}, R^{34} and R^{35}, R^{46} and R^{47}, or R^{51} and R^{52}, independently, can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

n is 1 ~~or 2~~;

G represents C_{3-6} alkenediyl or C_{3-6} alkanediyl, optionally substituted with hydroxy, halogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{1-5} alkoxy, oxo, hydroximino, CO_2R^{60}, $R^{60}R^{61}NCO_2$, (L)-C_{1-4} alkylene-, (L)-C_{1-5} alkoxy, N_3, or [(L)-C_{1-5} alkylene]amino;

each of R^{60} and R^{61} is independently hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl; alternatively R^{60} and R^{61} , can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

L is amino, mono- or di-C_{1-5} alkylamino, pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl, piperidinyl homopiperidinyl, or piperazinyl, where available ring nitrogens may be optionally substituted with C_{1-5} alkyl, benzyl, C_{2-5} acyl, C_{1-5} alkylsulfonyl or C_{1-5} alkyloxycarbonyl;

X is nitrogen or $R^{12}C$;

Y is nitrogen or $R^{13}C$;

Z is nitrogen or $R^{14}C$;

R^{12} is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, cyano, nitro, $R^{21}R^{22}N$, C_{2-8} acyl, C_{1-5} haloalkyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, (C_{1-5} heterocyclyl)C_{1-5} alkylene, $R^{23}OC{=}O$, $R^{23}O(C{=}O)NH$-, $R^{23}SO$, $R^{22}NHCO$-, $R^{22}NH(C{=}O)NH$-, R^{23}(C_{1-4} alkylene)$NHCO$-, $R^{23}SO_2$, or $R^{23}SO_2NH$-;

R^{13} is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, cyano, nitro, $R^{42}R^{43}N$, C_{2-8} acyl, C_{1-5} haloalkyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, (C_{1-5} heterocyclyl)C_{1-5}

$_5$ alkylene, $R^{44}OC=O$, $R^{44}O(C=O)NH$-, $R^{44}SO$, $R^{43}NHCO$-, $R^{43}NH(C=O)NH$-, $R^{44}(C_{1-4}$ alkylene)$NHCO$-, $R^{44}SO_2$, or $R^{44}SO_2NH$-;

R^{14} is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, cyano, nitro, $R^{24}R^{25}N$, C_{2-8} acyl, C_{1-5} haloalkyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, (C_{1-5} heterocyclyl)C_{1-5} alkylene, $R^{26}OC=O$, $R^{26}O(C=O)NH$-, $R^{26}SO$, $R^{25}NHCO$-, $R^{25}NH(C=O)NH$-, $R^{26}(C_{1-4}$ alkylene)$NHCO$-, $R^{26}SO_2$, or $R^{26}SO_2NH$-;

alternatively, R^{12} and R^{13} or R^{12} and R^2 or R^{13} and R^{14} can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 5- to 6- membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring, which ring may be unsaturated or aromatic;

Ar represents a monocyclic or bicyclic aryl or heteroaryl ring, optionally substituted with between 1 and 3 substituents selected from halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, cyano, azido, nitro, $R^{15}R^{16}N$, $R^{17}SO_2$, $R^{17}S$, $R^{17}SO$, $R^{17}OC=O$, $R^{15}R^{16}NC=O$, C_{1-5} haloalkyl, C_{1-5} haloalkoxy, C_{1-5} haloalkylthio, and C_{1-5} alkylthio;

R^{15} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, C_{2-8} acyl, aroyl, $R^{53}OC=O$, $R^{54}R^{55}NC=O$, $R^{53}S$, $R^{53}SO$, $R^{53}SO_2$, or $R^{54}R^{55}NSO_2$;

R^{16} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

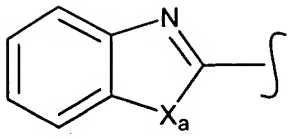
alternatively, R^{15} and R^{16} can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

each of R^{17} and R^{53} is C_{1-5} alkyl, phenyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

each of R^{54} and R^{55} is independently hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R^{54} and R^{55} can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

W represents SO_2, C=O, CHR^{20}, or a covalent bond; or W and R^1, taken together with the 6-membered ring to which they are both attached, form one of the following two formulae:



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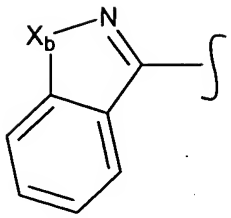

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wherein X_a is O, S, or N; and X_b is O, S or SO_2;

R^{20} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, phenyl, benzyl, naphthyl, or C $_{1-5}$ heterocyclyl;

R^{42} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, C $_{1-5}$ heterocyclyl, C $_{2-8}$ acyl, aroyl, $R^{45}OC=O$, $R^{46}R^{47}NC=O$, $R^{45}SO$, $R^{45}SO_2$, or $R^{46}R^{47}NSO_2$;

R^{43} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, or C $_{1-5}$ heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R^{42} and R^{43}can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

R^{44} is C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, or C $_{1-5}$ heterocyclyl;

R^{48} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, C $_{1-5}$ heterocyclyl, C $_{2-8}$ acyl, aroyl, $R^{50}OC=O$, $R^{51}R^{52}NC=O$, $R^{50}SO$, $R^{50}SO_2$, or $R^{51}R^{52}NSO_2$;

R^{49} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, or C $_{1-5}$ heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R^{48} and R^{49} can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic; and

wherein each of the above hydrocarbyl or heterocarbyl groups, unless otherwise indicated, and in addition to any specified substituents, is optionally and independently substituted with between 1 and 3 substituents selected from methyl, halomethyl, hydroxymethyl, halo, hydroxy, amino, nitro, cyano, C $_{1-5}$ alkyl, C $_{1-5}$ alkoxy, -COOH, C $_{2-6}$ acyl, [di(C $_{1-4}$ alkyl)amino]C $_{2-5}$ alkylene, [di(C $_{1-4}$ alkyl)amino] C $_{2-5}$ alkyl-NH-CO-, and C $_{1-5}$ haloalkoxy;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester, or amide thereof.

2. (Previously presented) A method of claim 1, wherein each of R^3 and R^4 is hydrogen; Ar represents a six membered ring, optionally substituted with between 1 and 2 substituents selected from halogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, cyano, nitro, $R^{15}R^{16}N$, CF_3 and OCF_3; R^{12} is hydrogen, $R^{23}SO$, or $R^{23}SO_2$; R^{13} is hydrogen, $R^{44}SO$, or $R^{44}SO_2$; R^{14} is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, cyano, nitro, or $R^{24}R^{25}N$; and G is C_3 alkanediyl, optionally substituted with hydroxy, (L)-C_{1-5} alkyloxy-, or (L)-C_{1-5} alkylamino.

3. (Previously presented) A method of claim 2, wherein Ar is phenyl.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) A method of claim 1, wherein said compound is selected from :

~~1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;~~

~~1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;~~

~~1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-methoxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;~~

~~1-[1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-hydroxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;~~

~~1-[1-[2-Hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;~~

~~2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;~~

1-[3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-pyrazol-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-ol;

~~1-[1-[2-(2-Piperazin-1-yl-ethylamino)-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;~~

~~1-{3-[4-(2-Cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester;~~

~~1-{3-[4-(2-Cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide;~~

~~Carbamic acid 1-[5-carbamoyl-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-[4-(2-cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethyl ester;~~

~~1-{3-(3-Amino-4-chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;~~

~~(*R*)-1-(3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(5-chloro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;~~

~~2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-fluoro-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;~~

~~(3-(4-Chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-oxo-acetic acid methyl ester;~~

~~5-Methanesulfonyl-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;~~

~~1-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-urea;~~

~~1-{3-[4-(2-Chloro-6-methanesulfonylamino-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-sulfonic acid amide;~~

~~N-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-methanesulfonamide;~~

~~1-[4-(2,6-Dinitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol;~~

~~2-(4-{2-Hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-3-methanesulfonylamino-benzoic acid methyl ester;~~

~~1-{3-[4-(1,1-Dioxo-1H-1l6-benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;~~

~~1-[1-{3-[4-(6-Chloro-benzothiazol-2-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;~~ and

~~1-[1-[3-(4-Benzo[d]isoxazol-3-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone~~.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) A method of claim 1, wherein said pharmaceutical composition is formulated in a dosage amount appropriate for the treatment of an allergic condition.

9. (New) A method of claim 1, wherein said condition is asthma.

10. (New) A method of claim 2, wherein said condition is asthma.

11. (New) A method of claim 3, wherein said condition is asthma.

12. (New) A method of claim 7, wherein said condition is asthma.